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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to revise the order and allow these men to report themselves to the adhikari of their respective amsams instead of to the police, in view of the fact that they are very poor people and unfortunately are not in a position to appeal to Government with regard to their disabilities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"If my hon. Friend reads the printed answer to questions (e) and (f) he will find that in necessary cases the Government have already adopted those steps."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"There is a general complaint prevalent about the difficulties these people are put to; that is why I ask him whether in the case of all these persons a revised order will not be passed allowing them to report not to the police but to the adhikari of their respective amsams?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government are not prepared to pass such a general order. But if individual complaints are received, Government will certainly consider them and pass orders."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether, if the Mappilla hon. Members from Malabar bring to the notice of the hon. the Law Member the difficulties these people are experiencing, Government will consider it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"In all these cases where difficulty has been experienced, orders have been passed in their favour."

Land Revenue Administration

Rates of assessment on wet, dry and garden lands in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar.

* 125 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what the rates of assessment are on wet, dry and garden lands in South Kanara and in Malabar; and

(b) how the existing rates of assessment on these three classes of land in South Kanara compare with the enhanced rates of assessment as fixed by the recent resettlement on similar classes of land in Malabar?

A.—(a) & (b) The rates referred to are contained in the settlement notifications of the respective districts which have been published. Extracts are appended.[a]

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know as to whether it is not a fact that the enhanced rates of assessment in Malabar are much less than the present rates of assessment in South Kanara?"

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 121–122 infra.

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I would draw the hon. Member's attention to the statement that has been printed as appendix to this answer, from which he will be able to verify his conclusion."

Action taken by the Government on the representations of the South Kanara District Landholders' Association and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association.

* 126 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the representations made to the hon. the Revenue Member by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association at Mangalore and the Puttur Taluk Landholders' Association at Puttur during his recent visit to the district have been considered by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The representations are still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know what the subject-matter of this representation was?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of that question."

Tax on coconut trees standing on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district.

* 127 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are collecting 8 annas instead of 2 annas, the previous rate, as tree tax on coconut trees situated on poramboke in the Trichinopoly district;

(*b*) what the rate is of such tree tax in the Tanjore district; and

(*c*) why such enhanced tax is collected in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One anna and three pies per coconut tree in respect of trees planted before 1st July 1927 over which the Government have recognized the proprietary rights of the owners. For trees planted after that date a rate of 8 annas per tree is being levied.

(*c*) The tax on coconut trees was revised in the year 1921 in all districts but in view of the peculiar history of the tree-tax system in the Tanjore district, the old rate, viz., one anna and three pies per coconut tree, was allowed to continue in that district for trees over which the Government have recognized proprietary rights. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.Os. No. 2207, Revenue, dated 4th October 1921, No. 136, Revenue, dated 24th January 1923, and No. 1184, Revenue, dated 22nd June 1927,